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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 4-173 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

3 (a) The Commission on Official Legal Publications shall publish and
4 distribute a compilation of all effective regulations adopted by all state
5 agencies subsequent to October 27, 1970, except regulations adopted
6 pursuant to subsection [(e)] (f) of section 4-168. Such publication may
7 be a supplement to or revision of the most current compilation, and
8 shall be published at least semiannually. The Commission on Official
9 Legal Publications may omit from such compilation (1) any regulation
10 that is incorporated by reference into a Connecticut regulation and
11 published by or otherwise available in printed form from a federal
12 agency, a government agency of another state or a commercial
13 publishing company, [or] (2) any regulation that is too expensive to
14 publish, or (3) any regulation the publication of which would be
15 unduly cumbersome. If [such] the commission omits a regulation from
16 the compilation, it shall publish in the compilation a notice identifying

17 the omitted regulation, stating the general subject matter of the
18 regulation and stating an address, telephone number and any other
19 information needed to obtain a copy of the regulation. Such address
20 and telephone number shall be kept current in each semiannual
21 publication of the compilation. The commission shall publish any
22 regulation that has been omitted from publication under subdivision
23 (2) of this subsection as soon as the commission has sufficient funds.

24 (b) The Commission on Official Legal Publications shall in addition
25 cause to be published in the Connecticut Law Journal at least monthly
26 the text of all regulations received by [such] the commission from the
27 office of the Secretary of the State pursuant to section 4-172 during the
28 preceding month. The commission may omit from the Connecticut
29 Law Journal (1) any regulation submitted in accordance with
30 subsection [(f)] (g) of section 4-168, for the purposes of renumbering
31 sections only, if a correlated table of the former and new section
32 numbers is published in lieu of the full text, (2) any regulation that is
33 incorporated by reference into a Connecticut regulation and published
34 by or otherwise available in printed form from a federal agency, a
35 government agency of another state or a commercial publishing
36 company, and (3) any regulation the publication of which would be
37 too expensive or unduly cumbersome. If [such] the commission omits
38 a regulation from publication in the Connecticut Law Journal under
39 subdivision (2) or (3) of this subsection, the commission shall publish
40 in the Connecticut Law Journal a notice identifying the omitted
41 regulation, stating the general subject matter of the regulation and
42 stating an address, telephone number and any other information
43 needed to obtain a copy of the regulation.

44 (c) Each agency which adopts a regulation shall make the regulation
45 available for inspection and copying at its main office.

46 (d) Any publication made pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this
47 section shall be made available upon request to agencies and officials
48 of this state free of charge, and to other persons at prices fixed by the

49 Commission on Official Legal Publications, in accordance with section
50 51-216b.

51 (e) The compilation of regulations published under subsection (a) of
52 this section and all Connecticut regulations omitted from the
53 compilation under said subsection [(a)] shall be maintained in the
54 reference collection of each law library described in section 11-19a.

55 (f) The commission shall make the compilation of effective
56 regulations published pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and the
57 text of recently-filed regulations published pursuant to subsection (b)
58 of this section available to the public through the Internet.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2005	4-173

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commission on Official Legal Publications to post state agency regulations on the Internet.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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